

Amendments to the Claims

This listing will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A controller for use with a fabric grooming device comprising:

a plurality of input selectors;

a plurality of output indicators; and

a digital display panel for displaying scrolled text and segmented text;

a steam selector that is operatively connected to a steam generator to provide selective manipulation of steam generation levels; and

an impact sensor that automatically deactivates the fabric grooming device in response to sensory input ascertained as a consequence of the fabric grooming device being dropped,

wherein each of said plurality of input selectors, said plurality of output indicators and said digital display panel are incorporated on an interactive user interface,

wherein said interactive user interface is operatively connected to a microprocessor,

wherein said interactive user interface is integrated onto a handle of the fabric grooming device,

wherein at least one of said plurality of input selectors is a temperature setting selector, and

wherein at least another one of said plurality of input selectors is a fabric setting selector.

2. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 1, wherein each of said plurality of input selectors have an image or symbol associated therewith for identifying the function and/or operation corresponding thereto.

3. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 1, wherein at least one of said plurality of input selectors is a touch-sensitive panel.

4. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 2, wherein at least one of said plurality of input selectors is an LCD panel.

5. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 2, wherein at least one of said plurality of input selectors is an LED panel.

6. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 2, wherein said plurality of input selectors are selected from a group consisting of a button, a switch, a roller, and a knob.

7. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 1, wherein each of said plurality of output indicators have an image or symbol for identifying the function and/or operation corresponding thereto.

8. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 7, wherein each of said one or more output indicators is a display panel.

9. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 7, wherein each of said plurality of output indicators is an LCD panel.

10. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 7, wherein at least one of said plurality of output indicators is an LED panel.

11. (Canceled).

12. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 1, wherein said plurality of output indicators are a visual indicator.

13. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 1, wherein said plurality of output indicators are an audible indicator.

14. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 1, wherein said plurality of output indicators are a tactile indicator.

15. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 1, wherein said microprocessor is operatively connected to a sound generator, one or more sensors, and/or a heater.

16. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 15, wherein said microprocessor is also operatively connected to a timer.

17. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 16, wherein said microprocessor is operatively connected to a vibrator.

18. (Currently amended) A controller for a fabric grooming device comprising:

a digital display panel having a segmented LCD display suitable for displaying segmented text and a scrolling LCD display suitable for displaying scrolling text;

a microprocessor operatively connected with said digital display panel;

a plurality of input selectors; ~~and~~
a plurality of output selectors,
a steam selector that is operatively connected to a steam generator to provide selective manipulation of steam generation levels; and

an impact sensor that automatically deactivates the fabric grooming device in response to sensory input ascertained as a consequence of the fabric grooming device being dropped,

wherein each of said plurality of input selectors, said plurality of output indicators and said digital display panel are incorporated on an interactive user interface,

wherein said interactive user interface and/or said microprocessor are operatively connected to any of a variety of operational features of said fabric grooming device to facilitate interactive operational control thereof, and

wherein said interactive user interface is integrated onto a handle of the fabric grooming device.

19. (Currently amended) A controller operatively associated with a fabric grooming device comprising:

a digital display panel having a segmented LCD display suitable for displaying segmented text and a scrolling LCD display suitable for displaying scrolling text; ~~and~~

a steam selector that is operatively connected to a steam generator to provide selective manipulation of steam generation levels; and

an impact sensor that automatically deactivates the fabric grooming device in response to sensory input ascertained as a consequence of the fabric grooming device being dropped,

wherein said digital display panel and said steam selector are incorporated on an interactive user interface,

wherein said interactive user interface provides interactive communication between a user and the fabric grooming device;

wherein said interactive user interface is operatively connected with a microprocessor and one or more sensors, a sound generator, and a heater, and

wherein said interface is integrated onto a handle of the fabric grooming device.

20. (Currently amended) A user interface associated with a control for a fabric grooming device, the user interface comprising:

a plurality of input selectors for inputting user instruction, wherein at least one of said plurality of input selectors is a touch sensitive panel;

a plurality of output indicators for outputting operational information;

a microprocessor operatively connected to said plurality of input selectors and said plurality of output indicators, wherein said user interface is integrated onto a handle of the fabric grooming device;

a segmented LCD display panel suitable for displaying segmented text; ~~and~~

a scrolling LCD display panel suitable for displaying scrolling text;

a steam selector that is operatively connected to a steam generator to provide selective manipulation of steam generation levels; and

an impact sensor that automatically deactivates the fabric grooming device in response to sensory input ascertained as a consequence of the fabric grooming device being dropped.

21. through 81. (Canceled).

82. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 18, wherein said digital display panel is a touch-sensitive panel.

83. (Previously presented) The controller of claim 19,
wherein said digital display panel is a touch-sensitive panel.

84. through 87. (Canceled).